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1. Academic Council on the United Nations System

General, 1996

Introduction

Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) is a global professional association of educational and research institutions, individual scholars, and practitioners active in the work and study of the United Nations and international cooperation.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACUNS promotes and supports excellence and innovation in scholarly research, writing and teaching about the United Nations and international organization(s) and fosters greater dialogue between academic and practitioner communities.

Significant changes in the organization

An Addendum to the By-laws was adopted on 20 November 2015.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACUNS' overall focus is the promotion of high-quality, innovative research, writing and teaching about the United Nations system and issues of global governance.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Among other meetings, ACUNS members participated at the 58th-59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, the World Trade Organization's 10th Ministerial Conference, the 65th Annual United Nations Department of Public Information/NGO Conference, the 11th and 13th sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on disability and development, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), and the 3rd Intersessional Meeting of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The Executive Director of ACUNS serves on the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group to the President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and on the Review Committee of the United Nations Sabbatical Leave Programme, organized by the United Nations Office of Human Resources Management (OHRM) Learning Services.

ACUNS arranged and conducted special podcast interviews with several United Nations representatives, including from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Office for Disarmament Affairs, the Outreach Division Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Global Compact. ACUNS' 2012 Summer Workshop on the topic Water, Environment and Health: Addressing Knowledge, Capacity & Governance Challenges, was organized in cooperation with the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Each year, as an integral part of its Workshop on International Organization Studies, ACUNS hosts and supports up to 10 early-career United Nations officers from the secretariat, other United Nations bodies and field missions in an eight-day research seminar.

2. ACT Alliance — Action by Churches Together

Special, 2012

Introduction

"ACT Alliance — Action by Churches Together" (ACT) is a coalition of 142 churches and church-related organisations working together in over 100 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACT members provide coordinated and effective humanitarian, development and advocacy work at the local, national, regional and global levels, including emergency preparedness, humanitarian response, development effectiveness, and advocacy for climate justice and human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

ACT's membership has grown from 111 members in 2011 to 140 members at the end of 2015. The organisation formerly known as APRODEV joined the ACT Alliance in January 2015, now known as ACT Alliance EU. The global ACT Secretariat is now based in six locations — Geneva, New York, Amman, Nairobi, Bangkok and San Salvador.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACT brought the perspectives of Faith Based Organizations from 140 countries to the following policy areas:

- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
- National, Regional and Thematic consultations on post-2015 Agenda
- Intergovernmental Expert Committee on Sustainable Development Financing
- Intergovernmental Negotiations on the Sustainable Development Goals
- Commission on the Status of Women
- World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ACT representatives attended several meetings of the United Nations including on climate change, sustainable development, the post-2015 sustainable development

agenda, 57th-59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, World Humanitarian Summit consultations, 2015 ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment, the Third United Nations Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and the Paris Climate Change Conference.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

ACT General Secretary sits on the Inter Agency Standing Committee through the Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response and an ACT member chaired the NGO Steering Committee of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

3. Action Canada for Population and Development

Special, 2004

Introduction

Action Canada for Population and Development (ACPD) is a human rights advocacy organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACPD seeks to enhance quality of life by promoting progressive policies in the field of reproductive and sexual rights and health.

Significant changes in the organization

ACPD has expanded its scope of work to include operating a 24-hour access line and coordinating a network of independent sexual and reproductive health organizations across Canada.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACPD uses the mechanisms of the United Nations human rights system, including the treaty monitoring bodies and its system of Special Procedures and Universal Periodic Review to raise awareness of violations of sexual and reproductive rights and to urge action on these matters.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, ACPD participated in:

- Every session of the Human Rights Council, holding side-events and delivering oral statements, and observing and submitting stakeholder reports to the Council's Universal Periodic Review Working Group;
- 57th-59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women;
- 45th-48th sessions of the Commission on Population and Development;

- 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20); and
- 2014 Special Session of the General Assembly on the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

ACPD hosted the Canadian launch of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) annual State of World Population report. ACPD attended several expert meetings on sexual and reproductive health organized by UNFPA, the World Health Organization, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights. ACPD also co-organized parallel events on human rights and sexual and reproductive health at the 30th, 26th, 24th, 22nd sessions of the Human Rights Council. Additionally, ACPD's Executive Director was appointed to the High Level Task Force for the International Conference on Population and Development.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ACPD has been working with the International Initiative on Maternal Mortality and Human Rights, to raise awareness of the problem of maternal mortality as a human rights violation and the importance of using human rights-based approaches in maternal mortality-related policies and programmes.

4. Advocates for Human Rights

Special, 1996

Introduction

Founded in 1983, the Advocates for Human Rights is dedicated to promoting and protecting international human rights and implementing international human rights standards in order to promote civil society and reinforce the rule of law.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Advocates works to develop creative, practical and sustainable strategies to promote and protect international human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Advocates investigates and exposes human rights violations; represents human rights victims; trains and assists groups that protect human rights; educates the public, policy makers and children; and promotes the universal acceptance of international human rights standards and global principles.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, representatives of the Advocates participated in meetings of various human rights bodies including, the Human Rights Council and its Universal Periodic Review and the Consultative meeting on treaty body reform; the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; the Committee against Torture; the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; the Committee on Migrant Workers; and the pre-sessional Working Group of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The Advocates cooperated with United Nations entities in the following ways:

- provided technical assistance to the Special Rapporteur on violence against women with research on the concept of due diligence in international law;
- provided expert testimony to the Human Rights Committee for draft general comment on liberty and security of person;
- provided technical assistance to the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) by updating the Legislation Module of the Virtual Knowledge Centre to End Violence Against Women and by conducting research and analysing violence against women laws for the World Future Council Policy Award;
- conducted background research and drafted a report for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on international and regional law related to violence against women;
- provided expert technical assistance to the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions by serving on the Legal Investigations Working Group to update the Minnesota Protocol;
- provided expert testimony to the Committee on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities for draft general comment on the death penalty and disability.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

On 10 December 2015, the Advocates launched a new Deadline Database for United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms. Other initiatives included providing free primary education and school feeding programme to 350 disadvantaged children/year in Nepal, and developing school policy and curriculum on gender parity.

5. Africa Humanitarian Action

Special, 2008

Introduction

Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA) is an international organization based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, which provides emergency, development and advocacy services targeting displaced and vulnerable communities in 20 African Countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AHA aims to improve living conditions of displaced persons and vulnerable communities across Africa.

Significant changes in the organization

AHA has expanded its programmes into the Republic of Djibouti and the Republic of South Sudan.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AHA served as a member of the advisory group on the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs' (OCHA) flagship report, "Saving lives Today and Tomorrow: Managing the Risk of Humanitarian Crises". From 2011 to 2015, AHA's representative participated as a member and a co-facilitator of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' (UNHCR's) working group and workshops on "Enhancing the UNHCR Framework for Implementation with Partners".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- AHA presented a statement at the High Level Segment of the 65th Annual Session of UNHCR's Executive Committee on "Enhancing International Cooperation, Solidarity, Local Capacities and Humanitarian Action for Refugees in Africa".
- AHA presented "Challenges to humanitarian action in East Africa" at the OCHA Regional Policy Workshop for Humanitarian Partnership — Southern and Eastern Africa and the 2015 OCHA Global Policy Forum.
- AHA attended and participated as a panellist at the Global Humanitarian Policy Forum.
- AHA presented a briefing to the United Nation's Arria Formula Meeting on the Protection of Internally Displaced Persons.
- AHA attended UNHCR's annual consultations with NGOs and most meetings of the Executive and Standing Committees.
- AHA participated at the various World Health Organization Global Health Cluster Meetings and attended regional and thematic consultations related to the World Humanitarian Summit.
- AHA also attended the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AHA was involved in local capacity development activities to reduce poverty and enhance resilience. It supported formal and non-formal education from building schools to providing education materials; carried out income generating and women empowerment programmes; addressed sexual and gender based violence; and provided curative and preventative healthcare including for maternal health, nutrition and HIV/AIDS to displaced and vulnerable communities in several African countries.

6. Agence de développement économique et culturel nord-sud

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Agence de développement économique et culturel nord-sud, based in Toulouse, France, is a non-profit association that promotes international development and fosters interregional and international economic cooperation.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Accordingly, it strives to create business opportunities for companies based primarily in the Midi-Pyrénées region and to forge win-win partnerships between these companies and the countries of the Mediterranean basin, the European Union and Central Asia.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization works on issues of social progress and economic and cultural development by offering opportunities for cooperation to French companies, universities and institutions. It establishes exchange programmes for students and teachers, know-how and technology transfers, and the creation of trade and of joint ventures or associations. A cooperation agreement was signed in 2015 between the University of Toulouse and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan within the context of medical cooperation.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization heightened the awareness of local companies concerning issues of corporate social responsibility in France on the occasion of a meeting in Toulouse on 28 November 2013 with SAVCO, a member of the United Nations Global Compact. The meeting was attended by 120 participants.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The activities of the organization contribute to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals, inter alia, by bringing together regional actors to combat cancer and to contribute to scientific research in that field through its partnership with the Oncopole campus; training Uzbek doctors and psychiatrists by way of its partnership with the Toulouse medical university; organizing conferences for senior officials of Uzbekistan, including on the issue of transparency of public monies; and organizing a meeting in Toulouse on 10 December 2014, in conjunction with Cegelec Solutions and Services, to reach agreement with the delegation of the Palestinian Embassy in France on the terms and conditions for setting up mobile units to provide medical support in abnormal or hostile situations and to produce drinkable water from seawater.

7. Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development

Special, 2008

Introduction

Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development (ACORD) is a Pan African organisation working for social justice and development in 17 African countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACORD aims to strengthen livelihoods, particularly in the area of food sovereignty, address gender inequalities, facilitate conflict prevention and peace building, and promote learning and strengthen capacity to influence policy and practices on HIV/AIDS in Africa.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACORD coordinated the African Working Group of 300 organizations on the post-2015 development agenda and helped organize the civil society day for the Secretary-General's High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the post 2015 development agenda.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, ACORD attended the 56th to 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and hosted parallel events; it co-hosted a side event with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) to launch a Beijing+20 report entitled, "Looking Back,

Moving Forward"; co-hosted a side event to launch the publication: "African women and girls at the grassroots — Their say on their world, post-2015"; and it attended the first United Nations Environment Assembly in Nairobi.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

ACORD implemented various projects with financial support including from:

- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on multi-sectoral refugee support in Republic of Guinea;
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Republic of Uganda providing emergency support to South Sudanese and Congolese refugees;
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to address malnutrition in Islamic Republic of Mauritania and Republic of Chad and undertake hygiene promotion in Chad;
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on peace building in Republic of Kenya and Guinea, on food security in Mauritania and Republic of Burundi, on political participation of former slaves in Mauritania, and on justice for victims of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo;
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to intensify agricultural development, and accelerate implementation of MDG1 in Burundi;
- UN-Women on women leadership in Kenya, to support women milk producers in Burkina Faso, on Africa review of the Beijing platform for action, on prevention of sexual violence and on women's participation in conflict prevention in Republic of Mali;
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Chad on assistance to vulnerable households.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ACORD implemented a Pan African women's rights programme pursuing progress on MDG3 in ten countries in Africa. ACORD also worked to further the implementation of MDG1 through direct capacity building, support to small producers and on agricultural policy engagement in Africa.

8. Aging Research Center

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Aging Research Center (CeSI) is located in Chieti, Italy and promotes multidisciplinary research on the human ageing process.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of CeSI is to train a new generation of scientists devoted to research on the biology and pathology of the ageing process and to address the three major areas of age-related human disease: cardiovascular diseases, cancer and neurodegenerative disorders.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2012 and 2013 the organization organized meetings on "Citizen and Citizenship" for the Italians and immigrants from Africa and Middle Asia. In 2013, the organization published an essay on "Female old age in the collective imagery".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has taken the following initiatives:

- Conducted a college course on migrants and health for students from all European countries in 2013;
- Presented a project for the construction of a hospital in the Rukwa region of the United Republic of Tanzania, which was approved by local authorities;
- Helped to maintain the aqueduct in Tosamaganga (Iringa Region) in Tanzania.

9. AIDS Healthcare Foundation

Special, 2012

Introduction

The AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) is a global non-profit organization, providing cutting-edge medicine and advocacy to more than 614,697 people regardless of their ability to pay, in 36 countries through 329 healthcare clinics.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AHF's work focuses on the prevention and treatment of HIV.

Significant changes in the organization

AHF has expanded its operations to 36 countries

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AHF is the largest provider of HIV/AIDS medical care globally. It runs an extensive HIV testing programme in its 36 programme countries. This programme generates a wealth of epidemiological data, which AHF regularly shares with the World Health Organization (WHO) HIV/AIDS department.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

AHF co-financed and co-organized with WHO and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS) two Latin America Forums on the Continuum of HIV Care, one in Mexico in 2014 and one in Brazil in 2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Since 2010, AHF and its affiliated programmes have delivered free, rapid HIV testing and counselling to over 10 million people across the world. Many AHF facilities also provide screening and treatment for tuberculosis and other HIV-related opportunistic infections. In 2014 and 2015 AHF distributed over 80 million free condoms around the world. In 2015, AHF Nigeria in partnership with UNAIDS and other partners, attempted to break the Guinness World Record for HIV Testing, by testing a total of 10,000 people in eight hours.

10. Alan Guttmacher Institute

Special, 2000

Introduction

Alan Guttmacher Institute advances sexual and reproductive health worldwide through an interrelated programme of social science research, public education and policy analysis.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Institute's work focuses on: adolescents' sexual and reproductive health needs, benefits of investing in sexual and reproductive health services, women's possibilities to fully exercise their reproductive rights and responsibilities and healthy sexuality.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has changed its name from 'Alan Guttmacher Institute' to 'Guttmacher Institute.'

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Institute issued joint reports with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on: "Adding It Up: The Costs and Benefits of Investing in Sexual and Reproductive Health" which made the case for greater investments in meeting the contraceptive, maternal and neonatal needs of women in developing countries (December 2014) and "Adding It Up: Costs and Benefits of Contraceptive Services — Estimates for 2012", which looked at modern contraceptive use among women in developing countries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Guttmacher participated in a panel at the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women to discuss interventions that empower women and girls.
- UNFPA and Guttmacher co-hosted an interactive panel on possibilities for using data to advance sexual and reproductive health worldwide at the Commission on the Status of Women meeting in 2015.
- Guttmacher participated in two panel sessions presenting work undertaken for sexual and reproductive health and rights indicator development related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the Measurement and Accountability for Results in Health Summit, World Bank Group (2015).
- Guttmacher participated in quarterly meetings hosted by UNFPA for Family Planning 2020 (FP2020).
- The Institute co-organized with the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), a panel titled "Demystifying Data: A Sneak Preview of a New Advocacy Tool to Improve Young People's Sexual and Reproductive Health Across the World" at the 2012 meeting of the Commission on Population and Development. It also helped to organize and moderate a panel on "Advancing Family Planning Beyond Cairo: New Research to Inform Investments, Policies and Programs in the post-2015 Development Framework".

Cooperation with United Nations entities

Guttmacher remains engaged with UNFPA, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and World Health Organization (WHO) on development of sexual and reproductive health and rights indicators for the SDGs, and with WHO to estimate the global incidence of abortion, both legal and clandestine, and the health impact of clandestine procedures.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Guttmacher has released a series of research reports and policy analysis highlighting ongoing unmet need for family planning and other reproductive and sexual health services that are central in achieving MDGs 4 and 5.

11. Albert B. Sabin Vaccine Institute

Special, 2012

Introduction

Founded in 1993, the Albert B. Sabin Vaccine Institute, Inc (Sabin) is a non-profit organization of scientists, researchers and advocates dedicated to reducing needless human suffering from vaccine-preventable and neglected tropical diseases (NTDs).

Aims and purposes of the organization

Sabin develops new vaccines, advocates for increased use of existing vaccines and promotes expanded access to affordable medical treatments in collaboration with governments, academic institutions, scientists, medical professionals and other non-profit organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Sabin is spearheading research and development projects that will benefit people suffering from diseases including hookworm, schistosomiasis, leishmaniasis, ascariasis, trichuriasis, Chagas disease and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). By educating leaders on the value of immunization and the burden of disease, and by encouraging collaboration among all development partners on vaccine issues, Sabin works to improve global awareness, access, policy and action. Sabin's Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases (Global Network) works to raise the awareness, political will and funding necessary to control and eliminate the seven most common neglected tropical diseases.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Sabin submitted written remarks addressing NTDs and managing the transition from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) what it will take. It made an oral presentation at the 2015 Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) High-Level Segment. Sabin attended the 2014 ECOSOC Partnerships Forum, and was a panellist in the 2013 ECOSOC Partnership Clinic on intellectual property. It co-hosted a side event, including a panellist during United Nations General Assembly on multi-sectoral approaches for eliminating intestinal worms in children.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

Representatives attended over 30 United Nations related meetings between 2012 and 2015, including the following in 2015: UNICEF Workshop on Commercial Financing for Immunizations, Nutrition and Health Supplies; the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe (EURO) Epidemiology (EPI) partners meeting; WHO/Regional Office for Africa (AFRO) planning meeting;

WHO Global Immunization meeting: Protect, Innovate, Accelerate (PIA); and WHO Task Force on Middle Income Countries.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization updated WHO/UNICEF Joint Reporting Form template to include alert messages that appear when countries inadvertently misreport financial data.

12. All-Russian Public Organization of Disabled People with Multiple Sclerosis

Special, 2012

Introduction

The All-Russian Public Organization of Disabled People with Multiple Sclerosis (RuMSS) was created to care for the health and well-being of people in Russia affected by multiple sclerosis.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to protect and realize the constitutional rights of Russian people affected by multiple sclerosis and to improve the quality of medical and social assistance available to them.

Significant changes in the organization

The have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- RuMSS participated in on-line consultations for the 2013 High-level meeting of the General Assembly on Disability and Development.
- RuMSS took part in the Innovation Award for Stories on People's Empowerment, launched by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs Division for Social Policy and Development.
- RuMSS attended the 2014 High-level Segment Annual Ministerial Review and presented an oral statement.
- RuMSS attended Pope Francis' address during the 70th United Nations General Assembly.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- RuMSS opened a rehabilitation centre for families of People with MS in Samara.
- RuMSS supported the annual 'World MS Day' initiative by the Multiple Sclerosis International Federation, London.
- RuMSS' main website in Russian publishes 30-70 news/articles monthly on topics ranging from MS patients and RuMSS' branches raising/solving issues with local authorities to measures and events on health services, administration and therapy.

13. American Planning Association

Special, 2004

Introduction

The American Planning Association is the world's oldest and largest NGO dedicated to promoting good urban and regional planning since 1909. Today, it has over 38,000 members working in over 100 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The American Planning Association provides leadership in the development of vital communities by advocating excellence in community planning, promoting education and citizen empowerment, and providing the tools and support necessary to meet the challenges of growth and change. We collaborate with organizations, governments, citizens and private sector firms to solve the issues of communities large and small.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

APA has primarily worked with UN-Habitat, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). It has provided support to UN-Habitat World Urban Forums and sponsored and facilitated discussions and networking sessions on topics such as climate change, public participation, building planning capacity and disaster mitigation. APA's China Programme continues to work with UNDP and the Ministry of Land and Natural Resources of China to evaluate rural development programmes. It worked closely with UNESCO on world heritage site evaluations and helped provide training and technical assistance through its partnership with the United States Committee of ICOMOS. APA organized meetings leading up to Habitat III through the Global Assembly of Partners and the World Urban Campaign and submitted statements throughout the Habitat Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) process.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

APA participated in the World Urban Forums, Rio+20 events and Habitat Preparatory Committee and Regional Thematic Meetings leading up to Habitat III in Quito, Ecuador. It participated in UNESCO's General Assemblies and discussions on the recommendation on Historic Urban Landscapes (HUL) where APA provided detailed support and input on the final document. APA published a joint Concept Paper with ICOMOS on Cultural Heritage as a pillar of sustainability as part of our comments on the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The APA routinely participates in the meetings and activities of the main bodies of the United Nations, as described above.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

APA has sponsored its "Sustaining Places Program" as a vehicle to promote the MDGs. This includes a series of "Big Ideas" forums around the United States, the annual L'Enfant lectures, engaging and inviting global experts to its annual conference which is the world's largest gathering of planners, research papers and publications on social equity, environmental conservation, sustainability and civic engagement. Since the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), APA has promoted the SDGs as a part of its Sustaining Places Program which included organizing workshops. It also participated in several of the Urban Thinkers Campuses leading up to the New Urban Agenda to be adopted at Habitat III in Quito.

14. AVSI Foundation

General, 1996

Introduction

AVSI Foundation is an international development and humanitarian NGO which plans, implements and reports the results of medium and long-term sustainable projects in various countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AVSI is implementing 100 plus long-term educational, socio-economic and humanitarian projects in 32 countries.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2012, the Foundation added 12 new members from 10 countries. One member withdrew in 2013. There were also minor amendments to the constitution in 2015.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AVSI was associated with the launching of the Sustainable Development Solution Network and presented two AVSI practices of sustainable solutions: on women entrepreneurship and job opportunities for disabled youth.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- AVSI attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and co-sponsored the side event "The Human Being: the Core of a Sustainable City".
- AVSI submitted a written statement to the 2013 High-level Segment of the Economic and Social Council.
- Since September 2014 AVSI followed the preparatory work towards the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III).
- AVSI also attended the Second Annual United Nations Sustainable Energy For All Forum (SE4All).

Cooperation with United Nations entities

During the reporting period, AVSI has cooperated with:

- United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) on: Country-based Pooled Funds (CBPF), NGO Dialogue Platform and field programme to tackle malnutrition in Port-au-Prince and South Department, Haiti;
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to present the Child Protection Index study conducted with Columbia University, Kiziba refugee camp, Rwanda;
- World Food Programme (WFP) to participate in the Annual WFP Partnership Consultations;
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF): field cooperation programmes in the Democratic Republic of Congo (Reponse rapide aux mouvements de population dans le Sud Kivu), in Lebanon (Multi-sector assistance for vulnerable Syrian Refugees and Lebanese Host Communities);
- Mission des Nations Unies pour la Stabilisation en Haïti (MINUSTAH): seven field programmes against Gender Based Violence in Port-au-Prince;
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): several field programmes in Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan on emergency assistance, education, child protection;
- Food and Agriculture Organization FAO: field programme to enhance food production and nutrition for conflict-affected families in Kachin State.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- AVSI and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation co-organized a conference on "The Role of the Private Sector in Sustainable Development", Rome, Italy, 24 April 2015.
- AVSI organized an exhibition on "Generating Beauty: New Beginnings at the Ends of the Earth", sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations, within the framework of the 29th session of the Human Rights Council.
- It organised workshops during the Universal Expo 2015 "Feeding the planet, energy for life", Milan, Italy.

15. Women and Modern World Centre

Special, 2008

Introduction

"Women and Modern World" Social Charitable Centre (CWMW) is an independent women's NGO founded on 2 July 1999 in Azerbaijan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CWMW aims to protect the human rights of Azerbaijani women.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CWMW participated at the Geneva NGO Forum for the Beijing+20 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Regional Review and spoke on the economic status and place of women in the Azerbaijan labour market. It took part in the 60th session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the 60th session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.